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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Arcadia

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3½ miles south of Frederick on Md. Rt. 85

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

Frederick

CODE

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William Bumgartner

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rt. 9, Box 256A

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Frederick County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## CONDITION

## CHECK ONE

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☐ EXCELLENT☐ DETERIORATED☐ UNALTERED☒ ORIGINAL SITE☒ GOOD☐ RUINS☒ ALTERED☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ FAIR☐ UNEXPOSED

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Arcadia is located  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Frederick, Maryland, on the west side of Maryland Route 85. Situated on a hill and surrounded by trees, this 45-room mansion faces southwest overlooking the Monocacy Battlefield. Finished with white stucco, Arcadia now has a five-part Palladian form with a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -story, five-bay main block connected to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -story pavillions by two-story hyphens. The original house, reportedly built about 1790, has been obscured by Victorian additions and renovations.

The exterior surface of Arcadia has relatively little decoration. The north wing and the main block have a heavy Victorian cornice. A Queen Anne tower with polychrome slate sides and pyramidal roof was added to the roof over the main entrance. The hyphens were originally one story, and a second floor was added to the north pavillion reportedly by Dr. David McKinney who purchased the house in 1865. The southern pavillion has been extensively altered by the addition of a two-story bay window which covers the entire front. Neither the arched openings in the bay nor its mansard roof with circular windows are repeated in the rest of the house. Other openings are rectangular, and the roofs have patterned slate shingles. On each side of the main block are interior chimneys with flues that arch in the gable ends to form a massive stack. In each gable is a large rose window with clear glass.

The interior of Arcadia was extensively and elaborately Victorianized. Only the north wing has been changed since that time. The main entrance hall is divided by an elliptical arch visually supported by slender pilasters on pedestals. Doors from the parlor (located south of the hall) and dining room (to the north) have paneled transoms. Throughout, there are wood mantels. Those on the first floor have a shelf supported on each side with a slender column. The stair hall is adjacent to the dining room and perpendicular to the main hall. Its dog-leg stair with oak ballusters has a massive newel post. In the southern pavillion there is an arched marble fireplace which retains its large gold-framed overmantle mirror.

Arcadia retains several outbuildings. To the rear of the house is a brick building (somewhat altered) and a stone one. North of the house is a fine brick carriage house with segmental arched openings and a tin jerkin-head roof.

Arcadia is presently used as a private residence with an apartment in each wing. The owner plans to convert the mansion to a restaurant.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

local history

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Arcadia is located  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Frederick, Maryland, on Buckeystown Pike, at one time a main north-south road from Pennsylvania to Virginia. Many historical events and activities are associated with the house and its surrounding lands, including those connected with the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

According to the History of Carrollton Manor by William J. Grove, Arcadia was built about 1780. Records show that Arthur Shaaf, a slave owner and prominent lawyer in Frederick and Annapolis, owned the house in 1801. He had obtained large tracts of land from Charles Carroll, James Marshall and Richard Richardson. While living in Annapolis, Arthur Shaaf maintained Arcadia as a summer home and, at one time, entertained Francis Scott Key. According to histories of Frederick, the mansion was the meeting place of the local gentry who gathered there to play cards, dance, race horses and fox hunt.

Mr. Shaaf died in 1817, and Arcadia was sold (1826) by his heirs to Colonel John McPherson who owned other land in Frederick County. Upon his death in 1830, the property was left to his heirs, and proceeds from his Antietam Iron Works were to be used to pay his debts. However, court action to pay claimants was begun in 1835; and Arcadia, including 656 acres on both sides of the Monocacy River, became the property of Griffin Taylor, a large slave owner. The house was bought by Michael Keefer in 1851, Thomas Claggett in 1862 and then by Robert McGill in 1862.

Arcadia Mansion was part of Civil War activity. Because of General Lee's invasion of Maryland prior to the Battles of South Mountain and Antietam, Colonel Pendleton stayed at Arcadia after a journey from Leesburg and bivouacked his artillery along Ballenger Creek. The mansion also served as General Meade's headquarters when he superseded General Hooker. From there, he marched his troops to Gettysburg. General Early formed his troops at Arcadia for an assault on Washington. However, they were opposed by General Wallace, and the Confederates were delayed in their march on Washington, possibly saving the city from destruction. After the battle, Confederate wounded were taken to Arcadia. Dr. David McKinney, the surgeon in charge of

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**SIGNIFICANCE (continued)**

the Federal hospital across the creek at the Markell Estate, was so impressed with the mansion and surrounding area that he purchased it from Robert McGill in 1865. Arcadia Farm remained in the McKinney family until 1968; and it, together with the surrounding 5.7 acres, was purchased by the present owner in 1972.

Arcadia is a large structure situated on a hill. It dominates the surrounding landscape. The original house is not readily apparent since there have been additions and extensive remodelling during the latter part of the nineteenth century. The interior is Victorian as is the exterior trim and the tower. One wing is consistent with the main house in design; the other was later kept up-to-date, probably in the 1890's, by the addition of a two-story bay window to the front and a mansard roof. Adjacent to the mansion is a fine, well-designed small barn and/or carriage house. Thus, Arcadia is important for its historical associations and as an interesting mix of architectural features which have become a local landmark.

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME: TITLE

George J. Andreve, Architectural Historian

## ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

6/5/77

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

## Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL \_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89 665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

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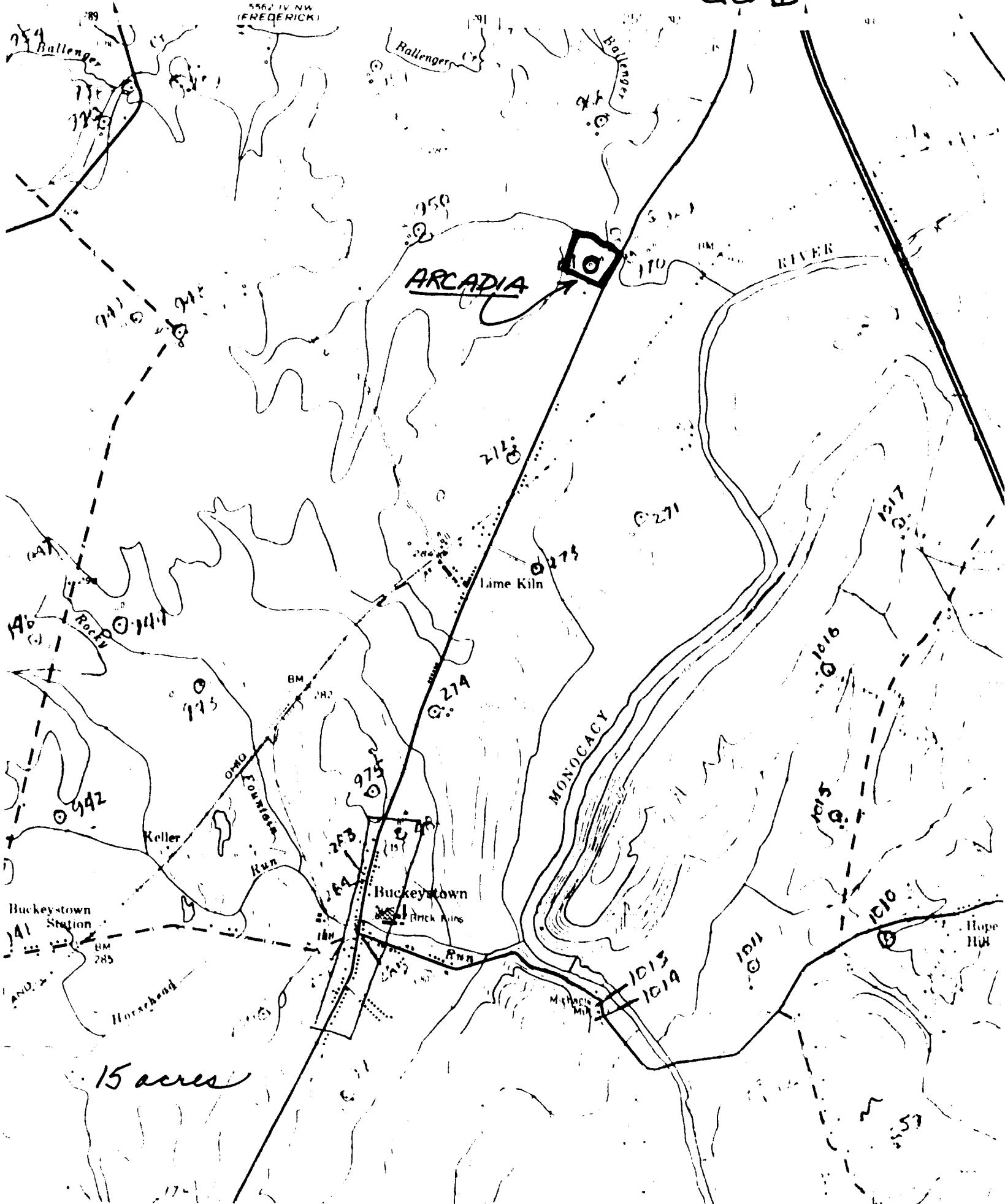
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Arcadia

front facade





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Arcadia

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Arcadia

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